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SUBJECT: FY 1976-80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDANCE

REFERENCE: JAKARTA 2903

I HAVE JUST APPROVED THE JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE ON FY 1976-80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR INDONESIA WHICH INCLUDES A PROGRAM GUIDELINE TO QUOTE MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY TO DECREASE GRANT ASSISTANCE IF GOI FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY. UNQUOTE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE INTEND TO DECREASE ASSISTANCE AT A GREATER RATE THAN INDICATED IN THE PLANNING FIGURES. RATHER, IT RECOGNIZES THAT IF GOI FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES WERE TO QUOTE INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY UNQUOTE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF OIL REVENUES, WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING OUR PLANNED LEVELS OF GRANT

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ASSISTANCE. THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF SUCH POLITICALLY SENSI-

TIVE AND ALLIED COUNTRIES AS THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND GREECE PLAYED A LARGE PART IN OUR DECISION TO END THEIR GRANT MATERIEL ASSISTANCE. SIMILARLY, WE MUST IN OUR PLANNING FOR INDONESIA AVOID LONG-TERM PROJECTS WHICH WOULD LIMIT OUR FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST PROGRAM LEVELS TO THE ECONOMIC REALITIES THAT MAY PREVAIL LATER IN THE PLANNING PERIOD. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THIS IS PLANNING GUIDANCE. THEREFORE YOUR RESPONSE MAY INCORPORATE ANY DISAGREEMENTS THAT YOU MAY HAVE EITHER WITH THE GUIDANCE OR THE LEVELS TOGETHER WITH COUNTER PROPOSALS. THESE WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AGAINST BACKGROUND OF JUSTIFICATION YOU ADVANCE.
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